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SUBJECT: MEDIA REACTION TO THE SECRETARY'S VISIT TO ATHENS

1. SECRETARY VANCE'S BRIEF VISIT TO ATHENS DOMINATED THE GREEK NEWS MEDIA OVER THE WEEKEND AND MONDAY'S AFTERNOON PRESS. THE PRESS WAS GENERALLY UNCERTAIN AS TO THE REAL SIGNIFICANCE OF THE VISIT. THUS, ACTUAL REPORTING WAS LIMITED IN MANY CASES TO A FACTUAL PRESENTATION OF EVENTS AND PUBLIC STATEMENTS OF THE PRINCIPAL PARTICIPANTS. INDIVIDUAL NEWSPAPERS PREDICTABLY CONTINUED TO SLANT THEIR STORES THROUGH THEIR HEADLINES AND LEAD PARAGRAPHS TO REFLECT THEIR RESPECTIVE POLITICAL ORIENTATION.

2. THE PRO-GOVERNMENT AND THE CONSERVATIVE MEDIA GAVE EMPHASIS TO THE IDEA THAT SECRETARY VANCE HAD NOT BROUGHT A "PLAN" FOR CYPRUS BUT RATHER SOUGHT TO ASSIST THE EFFORTS OF UNSYG WALDHEIM.  
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GOVERNMENT LEANING KATHIMERINI, FOR INSTANCE, HEADLINED "VANCE ABANDONS THE IDEA OF MEDIATION". THE COMMUNIST PRESS ON THE OTHER HAND, CONTINUED TO SOUND THE ALARM THAT "PRESSURE" WAS BEING APPLIED TO GREECE TO ACCEPT US AND NATO SOLUTIONS FOR HER NATIONAL PROBLEMS. AVGHI, THE ORGAN OF THE EURO-COMMUNIST KKE-INTERIOR PARTY, BANNERED THAT THE SECRETARY HAD BROUGHT AN "ECEVIT PLAN", ALTHOUGH IT PRESENTED NO INFORMATION TO SUPPORT

ITS ALLEGATION. MOSCOW-ORIENTED RIZOSPASTIS CHARGED HE HAD BROUGHT A CARTER PLAN, AGAIN WITHOUT TRYING TO SUBSTANTIATE ITS CLAIM. OPPOSITION TO VIMA SUGGESTED THE SECRETARY'S PURPOSE WAS TO OPEN THE WAY FOR LIFTING THE EMBARGO ON U.S. MILITARY ASSISTANCE TO TURKEY WHILE ASSURING THE FUTURE OF U.S. "BASES" IN GREECE.

3. MOST PRESS STORIES WOVE IN REFERENCES TO PRESIDENT CARTER'S REPORT TO THE CONGRESS ON CYPRUS AS A RELATED DEVELOPMENT. THEY ALSO GAVE CONSIDERABLE ATTENTION TO THE HEAVY SECURITY ARRANGEMENTS MADE FOR THE VISIT AND REPORTED ON THE ANTI-AMERICAN PROTESTS, SUCH AS THE BOMBINGS IN THESSALONIKI AND STUDENT RALLY IN ATHENS.

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